

Appln No. 09/575,118
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Reply to Advisory Action of May 7, 2003

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. It is clear from the Advisory Action of 7 May 2003 that the Examiner has maintained his obviousness objections based upon a broad interpretation of the word "interact." The Examiner has stated that *"the user who interacts by making a cross mark on the text field, the interactive element, by using an ordinary pen and using the Cass [US 5,692,073] scanner to scan in the whole page and interpret those markings appears to be doing what is described by claim 1."*

In response, the Applicant has proposed to amend independent claims 34, 41, 47 and 54 in order to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention from that disclosed in Cass. The Applicant submits that Cass does not disclose a method or system which includes a *"hand-held sensing device"* which is:

"adapted to: (a) sense at least some of the coded data when the user touches the sensing device against the surface in the vicinity of a selected node of the index of the directory; and (b) generate the indicating data using at least some of the sensed coded data."

The sensing device in Cass is neither hand-held, nor is it designed to sense the coded data on the surface when a user touches it against the surface in the vicinity of a selected node. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw his obviousness objections to the claims in light of these amendments and arguments.

2. When considering these amendments and arguments, the Examiner is further directed to the arguments made in paragraphs 14 to 17 of our response of 25 March 2003 regarding the lack of motivation to combine Cass, LaMarca (US 6,279,013) and Dynetman (US 6,330,976).

3. The Applicant has elected to cancel claims 1 to 33 in order to more clearly focus the examination of this application.

4. Applicant confirms that references to applications that have proceeded to grant have been replaced with the patent number.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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